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S.O.S. President Ron Whisenant

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to summer and hopefully our lives will soon be free of the covid-19 virus. These past three months have been difficult for all of us. The Corona pandemic has affected our lives in so many ways. Survival depends upon how we interact with each other going forward. Please be wise and do your part in helping to control the spread.

The cancellation of Spring Safari was a difficult decision. When the ACSC/SOS Board became aware of the highly contagious and deadly nature of this Covid-19 virus the only choice was to cancel Spring Safari. If just a few positive carriers of this virus were present among us it would have been devastating to the SOS family. Most of our age group would have been targeted. This virus is different than the SOS "crud" that we have sometimes experienced after past SOS events. The 2020 pandemic caused the cancellation of our Spring Safari and the ACSC Summer Workshop. Yes, we missed a wonderful time and party with our friends, but it is time to start thinking about 2020 Fall Migration. It is going to be a great party!

The stay at home order issued around the country shutdown the shag world. This caused our 98 shag clubs to be idle and not functioning. The shag clubs inability to perform weakened raffle ticket sales. These sales support funding for the Fun Sunday/ Fun Monday events. Raffle tickets generates approximately \$55,000 dollars each year. Because of the lack of funding, the Enhancement Committee felt it necessary to cancel this event for the upcoming Fall Migration. It was a disappointing and sad decision because of the past successes of these events. Sadly, the ACSC/SOS Board had no other choice than to accept the Enhancement committee's recommendations. Look for the return of these events in 2021.

The ACSC/SOS Board is working with the city of NMB to allow us to reschedule the ACSC spring parade for Fall Migration. This event requires approval of city council. If approval is granted, the 2020 Spring Safari parade will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 1:00 pm. I am sure that Donnie and Wendy will have more information on this when they receive approval from the city.

Some Spring Safari events could possibly be rescheduled for Fall Migration. Please check the SOS website or the SOS Facebook page for any possible changes of scheduled events. Fall Migration will be our "family reunion" at the old "home place." Get ready to party with your friends!

In closing, I wish you a wonderful fun-filled summer!! Stay safe in your travels! Use wisdom in managing your health! Be kind to others and practice patience! Safe distancing is the buzz!

Live, laugh and love! Life is precious!

Ron



SOS Board Chairman Ronnie Gregory

Greetings Friends and Fellow Shaggers,

Hope all of you and your families are doing well and staying safe and healthy. Never before have any of us witnessed such a tragedy with the Covid-19 virus. But until it is safe for us all to get together again, we must abide by the guidelines that every state has in place. It was hard for the Board to cancel Spring Safari, but it was the right decision. All of the shag clubs are witnessing hardships not being able to meet and hopefully no one has developed the virus or problems. I know all of you love this dance and music as much as Mary and I do, but at this point it is more important that everyone stay safe. Hopefully, N. Myrtle Beach is beginning to open up and they do not incur any more of the cases. It still is of high importance that we all practice social distancing.

Well I have written my article about looking forward to the Summer Workshop and I was looking forward to it. But I just got informed that it had been canceled by the pandemic. I know many of you wanted to attend this event for a lot of reasons however, it is not happening. But it was the right decision for safety reasons. Now we look forward to the Fall Migration. Hopefully, everything will work out and things will be better. Just remember we are all SOS strong. Sometimes it's hard to climb the mountain, but when you reach the top and look down, things look much better. Things seem to change from week to week, so stay attuned to shagdance.com, face book and SOS Bulletins for up-to-date information.

The board is planning for the rest of the year, especially Fall Migration and if everything goes ok, we have a lot of things planned. Even though Fun Monday and Fun Sunday has been canceled, we will return in 2021 in a big way. **BUT AT THIS POINT, FALL MIGRATION IS STILL ON. (SEPTEMBER 17 THRU 27, 2020).** As I have said before, stay tuned to shagdance.com and [SOS Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SOS) for the most up-to-date information.

We will all be together soon.

Ronnie



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ACSC Chairman Robin Morley

Greetings,

I certainly hope that this finds everyone healthy and safe. We all are very much aware of our situations we are facing. Of course, none of us would have ever thought we would experience anything of this type or anything that would affect our shag world

to this magnitude.

I would like to personally thank each of you for your patience and understanding over the last months. We have had many hard decisions to make but your health and safety are at the forefront.

Since March, our dance venues and clubs have suffered greatly due to the Covid-19 virus and the state orders and regulations put into place. One thing that is encouraging is to read on social media and your newsletters, how much everyone misses our dance, music and lifestyle. We must continue to protect each of these. The best way of doing that is to stay healthy, safe, and follow rules and regulations that are in place. We all are so excited about returning to our shaggers paradise in September. Let's all unite together, and stay healthy so we can return to what we love and enjoy.

Yours in dancing,

Robin



ACSC Vice Chairman Lisa Myers Caveny

Dear shag family....I have missed seeing you during this Covid-19 pandemic. It has been a time of reflection for us all and a time that I've realized my greatest blessings...my family. As much as we hate to hear this, it's time for us all to learn a "new" normal. I hope that when we arrive back to our shagger's paradise, that we

will be reunited with old friends along Main Street or make new friends as we make our way into our SOS Partner Beach Clubs or eat meals in our favorite restaurants along Ocean Drive. Our dance creates an extended family that becomes a large part of our life, and we've all missed one another. Even as I write this, there is so much uncertainty. When this pandemic first started, I just had returned from SOS at Sea #8 and what a great cruise that was as we visited New Orleans for Mardi Gras, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. We enjoyed our private event dances on board the ship with DJ Billy Fanning playing one awesome song right after the next. Your feet just wouldn't let you sit down to rest because they wanted to be dancing!! What fun and what a wonderful group of people to travel with. Michael Graham and his team (Troy, Elyse and Carrie) did their best to make certain everyone was looked after and that we were having a great experience. It's hard to believe that as we all returned back home, this pandemic was raging and spreading like wildfire. Thinking ahead, I encourage you to look into SOS at Sea #9 which will set sail October 21, 2021 on the Ailure of the Seas!!

Looking back to happier and less stressful days during our

2020 January Mid-Winter meeting, our President's participated in a Workshop which I titled, "Developing 20/20 Leadership Vision during the Year 2020." All 97 of our ACSC clubs were represented and President's were challenged to review club bylaws, update shag club information on shagdance.com and utilize the talents of club board members in making leadership decisions which build club membership and member morale. We welcomed many "first time" Presidents and of course were thrilled to see familiar faces of those who were serving their club for another term. It's not an easy job to be a leader...Say Thank You to your club President if you haven't lately.

When we celebrate the return to Fall Migration, be sure to visit the SOS Company Store and say Hello to Ms. Judy and Linda.

By the time we see one another in September, I know we will all enjoy spending time by the ocean, dancing and making a new friends. Go away Covid-19...You are NOT welcome!!

God's richest blessings to one and all,

Lisa



ACSC Secretary Becky Berry

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing great and ready to get out and socialize again. I certainly am looking forward to seeing everyone. I have been busy since Mid-Winter with Anniversary Certificates for shag clubs celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30 and 35 year anniversaries. It is wonderful to see so

many clubs keeping the tradition alive. For those who may be having an anniversary coming up and you have not sent your form in, please do so at your earliest convenience. You can email to me at acscsecretary2018@gmail.com.

Please keep so many of our friends who have lost a loved one or may be experiencing sickness in your thoughts and prayers. We have lost too many over the last few years. Lots of history of our dance and beginnings of SOS go with each of these we have lost. We have been blessed that many took the time and effort to record such valuable and precious information to pass on to others.

I do want to take a minute and thank each of you for allowing me to be your secretary of the ACSC over the last two years. I have been blessed to serve each of you. It has given me the chance to meet so many that I get to call "friend" now. If the good lord is willing, I hope to be back for another two years if given the opportunity.

I hope each of you will take the time to go by the SOS Company Store when here at NMB and pick up the latest tee shirt. Say hello to Judy Vick while there and thank her for all her hard work. Remember to thank your bartenders and club owners when you see them. They work extra-long hours during SOS to keep things running smoothly for our enjoyment and will be needing an extra boost to make up for Spring.

I want everyone to have a great time when visiting in North Myrtle Beach and I pray that each of you are well and ready to party come SOS. See you on the dance floor!

Becky



S.O.S. Carefree Times Editor Janet Harrold

June 20, 2020 being the first day of summer and not long from enjoying 2020 Fall Migration. It seems that the COVID-19 is slowing down for sure....hopefully!! Ron Whisenant, President of SOS in his welcome has explained what has transpired since the SOS Spring Safari was cancelled. Please read his information that explains what to

look forward to during 2020 Fall Migration.

All the clubs are beginning to open next week and some prior to that. So they are getting ready for you to enjoy as always. Have a wonderful Summer, keep cool, and see you in the Fall. Remember keep smiling you may show up in the next issue of the Carefree Times. Remember you are making memories when you think you are just having fun at the time.

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Janet

2020

Sept 17-26 Fall Migration

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Sept 16-25 Fall Migration

2022

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ABSCDJ's President Steve Baker

Greetings!!

I would like say Hi to all of you SOSer's from the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's. It seems like it's been an eternity since "We" have all been together.

This past March marked the 29th anniversary of DJ Throwdown at Ducks and Fat Harold's. This year we had a vendor

display, a flea market, shag lessons, computer classes, a DJ wives breakfast and a DJ Shag contest! That's right a DJ Shag contest which proved to be the highlight of the weekend!

The Beach Music DJ Hall of Fame inductions also take place during Throwdown weekend at Fat Harold's Beach Club. Being inducted into the HOF is the pinnacle of a DJ's career. This year Mr Steve Hardy was inducted as a Regular member. For over 40 years Steve hosted "Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party" and DJ'd in hundreds of Clubs spreading Beach Music to the masses. Steve recently passed away from a long illness but his memory will now be on display at Fat Harold's forever! The Circle Fountain in Florence, SC, Memories Beach Club in Atlantic Beach, NC and Jukin' Oldies Internet Radio we're inducted as Honorary members. Congratulations to all of the inductees!!

We hope to get back to our Shaggin' routine ASAP. Take care and if the ABSCDJ's can help your Shag Club in any way, don't hesitate to let us know.

See you at the Beach!

Steve

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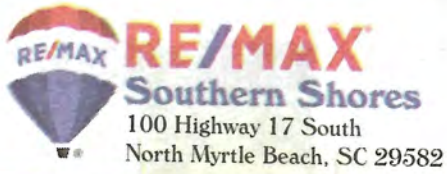
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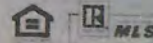
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Aug. 15	Nominations Party Fat Harold's	6pm
Sept. 20	Fall Migration Brunch OD Arcade	10am
Oct. 17	Halloween/Elections Fat Harold's	6pm
Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Party Fat Harold's	6pm
Dec. 19	Christmas Party Fat Harold's	6pm



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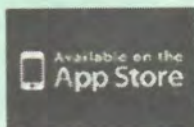
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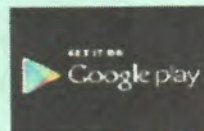
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Each year, the North Myrtle Beach Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. The exceptional companies help make the North Myrtle Beach area a great place to live, work and play.

The Bar Crawl Toast

To all of those who've gone before
Who danced along this golden shore
To JoJo, One Lung and Dear Ol Swink
Who taught us all to laugh and drink
To Dr. Phil whose jokes we'll miss
And all the rest who started this.

Now tilt your glass to SOS
And those old farts who started this mess.



By: Mike Marr Sr., York Shag Club
SOS Mid-Winter 2020



OD Church of The Lost and Found

We have moved!
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For twenty years many shaggers from across the United States have migrated to North Myrtle Beach to attend SOS and the many other events sponsored during the year. 2020 will be filled with many opportunities to visit our beautiful city and we hope to see you then. Hundreds of you have attended the OD Church of The Lost and Found on Sunday mornings located at the OD Pavilion. We have moved to an in-door facility three blocks from the ocean at 316 Main Street. We will be across from Deckerz and Hoskins on the corner of Main and Oak Street. We have plenty of parking space. You can park on Main Street, Oak Street and approximately 100 spaces behind the building. Handicapped parking is in front of the building, with four spaces very convenient to the front door.



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Please Come and Join Us

Dr. Michael "Mike" P. Lawing, Pastor
OD Church of The Lost and Found

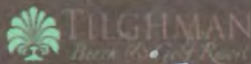


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One of our board members, Geoff Burdick has left the board due to other commitments. We are pleased to announce that Garrett Humphries has agreed to replace Geoff on the FOUNDATION Board of Directors. Garrett is now President of the Junior Shag Association. He will be an asset helping with the Eddie Monsour/Dewey Kennedy Scholarship.



**Garrett
Humphries**

We thank Geoff for his contributions to the FOUNDATION. During his time on the board, we assisted more than 100 families with hundreds of thousands of dollars of financial aid. These included serious illnesses, home flooding and other financial disasters. Our website www.halloffamefoundation.org has details on our involvement and history. By: Nick Mathis

EDDIE MONSOUR/DEWEY KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Eddie Monsour

Alexis Caronis received this scholarship for 2020 and was presented the award at the Keepers of the Dance contest in February. This scholarship fund was started in 1996 in memory of Dewey Kennedy who probably loved the dance, junior shaggers, and the camaraderie as much as anyone. Eddie Monsour was added due to his many contributions to the juniors that keep our dance alive. Although the idea and the original funding for the scholarship was started by dancers as a way to honor and remember Dewey, the means to fund the scholarship each year since comes from various groups, individual contributions, and fundraisers. The scholarship fund is now a part of the Hall of Fame Foundation and recipients are chosen by Foundation



Dewey Kennedy

directors Norfleet Jones, Geoff Burdick, and Mandy Holt. Applications from juniors are sent in for the scholarship each January and announced at the Keepers of the Dance contest. All donations to the scholarship fund should be made to the Hall of Fame Foundation and specified for the Eddie Monsour/Dewey Kennedy Scholarship Fund. More than \$50,000 has been given away in scholarship monies. www.halloffamefoundation.org

By Janet Harrold

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The Official Song of SOS: 60-Minute Man

Who knew? I just found out that SOS has an official song! It just happens to be one of my favorites and I learned to shag to this masterpiece! Billy's grandson contacted me and I started researching and was lucky enough to find this information. Murl Augustine sent photos of him and Billy the day of the presentation in 1987. Foster McKinney sent the article that was in the 1987 SOS Carefree Times. This is so interesting and if you get the chance, go to the SOS facebook page and watch the video posted on there and turn up the sound. Fat Harold even appears in it grinning from ear to ear.

By: Vickie Harrison, SOS Facebook Administrator



S.O.S. CAREFREE TIMES

Spring 1987

BILLY WARD, of the Dominoes, to attend S.O.S Fall Migration

The legendary Billy Ward, who formed the Dominoes and wrote *60-Minute Man*, will attend the '87 Fall S.O.S. to be honored by B.M.I. (Broadcast Music, Inc.) and S.O.S. Billy, who now is retired in California, will be the recipient of the coveted 1987 B.M.I Achievement Award and will also be the first inductee into the S.O.S. Beach Music Hall of Fame. *60-Minute Man* will be formally named as the S.O.S. theme song at a ceremony for Billy which will be held at Fat Harold's on Sat., September 19 of the Fall Migration.

TIME To REBOOT



THE WATERING HOLE

Humorous, Thought Provoking, Serious, Politically Incorrect, Asinine at Times and Things Non-Shag

In this technical age that we live in life is supposed to be less complicated with more flexibility and more leisure time. What? Where have I missed out? While I appreciate the many conveniences that have come along with the continued modernization, I find some things are becoming more complex. At least for me. Seems like every time I turn around I have to reboot something or other. The TV's, the printer, the iPhones, the computer, the DVR, even the coffee pot. And now it seems that I have to reboot the "Watering Hole" column. Explanation; we received a letter from a gentleman who has been involved in the shag world for over 25 years. He was concerned that my article had nothing to do with the dance, had nothing to do with the music or history of the dance, had nothing to do with the "beach" lifestyle or welcoming folks to NMB, and lastly having nothing to do with logic or scientific method. ?? (I did mention my personal belief about global warming) He continued by saying that the 'Watering Hole' column was inappropriate to be included in the CFT. Obviously, he missed my first column, and that's ok. I'm sure others did too. But in that first column I explained that during SOS after filling your head with DJ schedules, free pour times and locations, house parties, where the bands are playing, etc. you might come to rely on this column as a watering hole for your mind, a relaxation place for things non-shag. A rebooting so to speak. Just for giggles I went back to the issue in question and counted the articles about the things mentioned above—23 articles, not including mine, about the dance, music, etc. and 44 pages of ads and schedules concerning the shag. I think it was pretty well covered!

This is my 14th article. At the top of each column are the words you see at the top of this page; **HUMOROUS, THOUGHT PROVOKING, SERIOUS, POLITICALLY INCORRECT, ASININE AT TIMES, AND THINGS NON-SHAG** Therefore I have to ask the gentleman of writing the proverbial question... What is it you don't understand about 'Things Non-Shag'?

Much thanks to the many of you who have voiced approval of the previous 13 episodes. My plans are to continue until I run out of subject matter, or until I run out period. **This is my Reboot! Don David**

Note. The views and opinions expressed in this column belong exclusively to the writer, and are based on many years of life experiences and simple common sense.



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SC SHAGGER'S HALL OF FAME HISTORY 1989 TO PRESENT

By: Jim Coley

South Carolina Shagger's Hall Of Fame came into existence as another entity and, as many other entities, has evolved over the years to its present day status. South Carolina Shaggers Hall Of Fame began, not as a corporation, but rather as a form of recognition.

The Wall Of Fame began in 1989 with DJ Woody Windham's idea to honor some of the best known "regulars" at Beaus, which was THE place to be in Columbia, SC. Beaus was in the Carolina Inn on Assembly Street and was the "hot spot" at that time. Mitch Barkoot was the first inductee in 1989. He was roasted by his friends, and honored with a spotlight dance. Pictures were made and hung on the walls at the club. In the beginning, Woody chose the members, but as the group grew, they began to get together to choose the next person. Since that time, Members have been inducted as individuals and couples.

When Beau's closed, our pictures were moved to The Shag Club in the Holiday Inn on Assembly Street, Columbia, SC. The group was growing. The group still not formally organized, selected Nick Mathis as their first President. A committee was formed consisting of Gene Brantley, Julie Trent, C. J. (Bell) Bigger and Phil Sawyer who began working on our By-Laws and the rest is history.

After the Holiday Inn we moved to Weejuns Beach Club in Irmo, SC. Our pictures were on the wall around the dance floor and when Weejuns moved a few doors down, The Wall Of Fame was the first thing that you saw when you walked in the door. We had a place to honor our members and hold our induction ceremonies, which in most cases, was an opportunity to tell some really interesting stories about each other!

Unfortunately Weejuns closed so we moved to Crackerjacks, Ramada Inn, Loafers, Legends, and the Plantation. Currently we are without a home club for our pictures, but we are still a cohesive group who continues to honor our own as well as continuing to induct deserving individuals.

On November 17, 2011, The Central South Carolina Wall Of Fame was formally re-named as South Carolina Shagger's Hall of Fame. Currently we have 156 members and induct up to (8) eight deserving individuals on an annual basis. New inductees are eligible to nominate one male and one female for consideration for induction into South Carolina Shagger's Hall Of Fame. Existing members are allowed to have 1 male and 1 female on the list of nominees at all times. In order to be selected to the South Carolina Shagger's Hall Of Fame, an individual must have distinguished themselves in the Shag community for a minimum of (3) three years in one or more of the following categories:

1. Distinguished service as an officer or committee chairman of one of the area shag clubs.
2. Regular attendance and participation in area shag lounges
3. Regular attendance and participation in Association of Carolina Shag Club local club weekends and SOS events.
4. Distinguished service as a teacher, judge, or competitor in local, area, or national shag competition.

Our next Induction Ceremony for 2020 Inductees will be held on Saturday, May 9th at the Yacht Cove Clubhouse in Columbia, SC.



Keepers Of
The Dance

Photos by: Monty Lee



Keepers Of The Dance Contest Fat Harold's Beach Club



The 11th annual Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame "Keepers of the Dance" contest was held at Fat Harold's Beach Club on February 7-8, 2020. Highlights of the weekend included a qualifying contest on Friday night, introduction of the 2019 Keepers, Saturday afternoon cocktail party for the sponsors, judges, and contestants. The finals were held on Saturday night, and Geoff Burdick announced the Eddie Monsour/Dewey Kennedy Scholarship which was presented to Alexis Caronis. Through fund raisers the Keepers recently contributed \$2500 to the Eddie Monsour/Dewey Kennedy Scholarship, \$2500 to the Shad Alberty Memorial Scholarship, and \$2500 to the Beth Mitchell Scholarship.

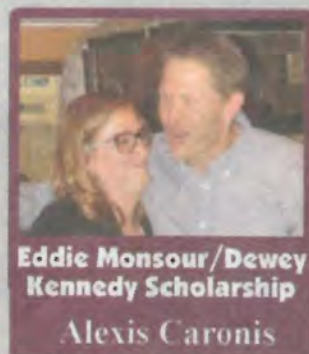
Over \$7500 in prize money was awarded to the winners in all divisions. Many of the 51 current Keepers were present, participated in the contest, or judged. The 2021 Keepers of the Dance will be announced at the next Shag Attack/Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame after this horrible virus is over.

The sponsors for the past eleven years have been wonderful and extremely dedicated. The Keepers committee extends sincere thanks to all sponsors each year to continue to make this contest possible. The 2021 Keepers contest is scheduled for February 5-6, 2021. Come join in the fun whether competing or spectator. It keeps getting better and better for ALL to enjoy!!!

A continued thank you to those Keepers and Hall of Famers who judge each year, Janet Harrold-scorekeeper, Monty Lee-photographer, Max Madrin of Greensboro, NC-Keepers website, Craig Jennings-DJ, Harold Worley, and Fat Harold's employees. Thank you, Bob Myrick for keeping this event for us all to enjoy each year!!

For current info, Keepers members, contest results, and future events, check out www.keepersofthedance.com and check out the Keeper Korner in the back room of Fat Harold's.

By: Janet Harrold Photos by: Monty Lee



Junior Division

1. Jackson and Lizzie Batten
2. Tucker Brown and Gracie Pandure
3. Trey Henley and Kaylee Bravo
4. Jonathan Kemp and Ivy Claire Huett
5. Brown and Loren Cookman
6. Maxwell Rusmasell and Adriana Ligget



Senior Division

1. Gene Pope and Rene Scott
2. Bill and Brenda Barber
3. Archer and Pat Joyce
4. Jim and Dale Hern
5. Tony Brown and Loretta MacIntosh
6. Tony and Page Payne



Open Division

1. Kyler Byrum and Krystal Bravo
2. Cody Edwards and Jessica Macalhaney
4. Austin Pope and Whitney Brown
5. Grant Garmon and Kayla Henley
6. Nick Weaver and Chase Forrest
7. Jeremy Webb and Mandy Holt
8. River Harmon and Madelyn Finley

On the Road and Then Marooned

Hope this finds everyone safe, healthy, and happy. The last road trip Ronnie and I took, was to Reidsville, NC for a Mardi Gras Party hosted by the Steppin' Out Shag Club. It was packed and full of fun. The music was great, dancing was unbelievable and the food was out of this world. Steppin' Out Shag Club members and officers were all very friendly and worked very hard to be sure everyone had a great time.

Now who would have guessed this would be our last great time and party for a long time. It breaks my heart to see all of the clubs having to cancel their parties because of the situation, but as I look forward, we will have better times ahead and your health and well being is more important than a party. We all will see each other again when the time is right and we will share in great times and good memories.

So, until I see you at the next party, be well and keep the dance alive.

Mary Gregory



2020 ACSC Shagging ICON Awards



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Congratulations! The ICON Bio's will be printed in the Fall Carefree Times due to the Icon Reception and Awards presentation will be September SOS.



Special Award presented to John Hook at Carolina Beach Music Awards 2019

A profound honor, unexpected. When I was awarded North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor Roy Cooper thru the agency of former Senator Don Vaughan at the Carolina Beach Music Awards in November 2019, I was reminded that there are invisible forces all around us. In this case, it was for recognition of something I've been doing I've been doing for 43 years—promoting the Shag and Shag music.

It's been something of a 'yellow brick road' since 1976. Sandy Beach was my inspiration with his Sunday Afternoon Beach Show on Big WAYS in Charlotte, NC in 1975. In '76 I took over programming for an Oldies station where we mixed in a lot of Beach Music and the reaction was huge! People were starved for Beach Music on the radio. The rest is history. I moved from Rock and Roll to Beach Music full time in 1980.

Joining Chris Beachley at the Wax Museum in 1980 to publish It Will Stand, the first ever Beach Music magazine, my passion became rewarding in an altogether new way. I had an endless supply of 'teachers' who called me on WBT's Saturday Night Beach show every weekend, and there were at least 75 Beach shows spread across the Mid Atlantic and Southeast at that time. It was a glorious time in the sun for Beach Music and Shag.

In this sense the Order of the Long Leaf Pine belongs to my many mentors and fans who taught me well.

Fessa' John Hook



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MARDI GRAS SOS at Sea 8 MARDI GRAS

The definition of "Letting the Good Times Roll"

Laissez le bon temps rouler

From February 21st to March 2nd, 79 travelers went on one of the very best SOS at Sea Cruises we have had yet. We boarded the ship in Ft. Lauderdale and headed to our first port, New Orleans. We traveled up the Mississippi River like a very large river boat and docked right next to the downtown area of New Orleans. We arrived Sunday and were able to go to our first parade that night which featured the Krewe of Bacchus, just a few blocks from the Celebrity Reflection's spot at the pier. This krewe is considered one of the very best and the parade is like no other you have seen. The floats are magnificent and there is much history behind everything that you see. They don't just throw beads, they throw an incredible assortment of balls, toys, things that light up and blink, shirts, cups, coins that represent their krewe, and lots more. Did I say BEADS? A number of our shaggers came away with literally suitcases full of beads. On a special note, several people have donated their treasures to the ACSC and SOS folks and these will be handed out during the Spring Parade! So if you are attending the Spring Parade, be on alert for the ACSC/SOS float and you will get some REAL Mardi Gras beads!

Our second night most of us went on the "Balcony Excursion" to view the Krewe of Orpheus. We had a private balcony complete with food for a king and queen, along with a full bar for our duration of 3 hours. This turned out to be the experience of a lifetime and everyone agreed this was the most amazing experience ever had on a SOS at Sea cruise. The next day a number of us watched the Zulu and Rex krewes, or ventured to Bourbon Street to watch the festivities there.

We had three great scheduled days of dancing in a great room overlooking the front view of the ship. We danced to the great music of DJ Billing Fanning. We also visited the Grand Caymans, and Cozumel. In Cozumel we had our Port Party which turned out to be the best Port Party ever had on an SOS at Sea Cruise. Billy Fanning was our DJ there and he did an incredible job of playing upbeat Latin type music, along with shag music, line dance tunes, and the River Waltz. The Margaritaville location was right at the end of the pier in Cozumel and there were two ships docked there. The crowds from the ships gathered around the open outside of the tented area that we had reserved and the crowds of people really got into what we were doing and many you could tell, wanted to join in with us. Most of the passengers on our ship already knew we were the "Shaggers" because of our brightly colored yellow nametags. A great time was had by all of our SOS at Sea 8 people and we have the pictures to prove it!

We want to thank Elaine Harrington of the OD Arcade who was not only a sponsor of our cruise, but also a participant. Also, again thanks to Billy Fanning our fabulous DJ. Thanks also go out to our travel agent Michael Graham of Michael Graham & Associates, and his staff onboard, Elyse Monroe and Troy Montgomery. Also, our continued prayers and well wishes for Mary Graham, Michael's mother who fell while onboard the ship.

SOS at Sea 9 is already being booked and as I understand it as of this writing, we are almost 50% booked. So if you are interested contact Michael Graham for information on this trip at 843-279-0310

By: John Carpenter Photos by: Brenda Taylor & John Carpenter



2009 Let's DANCE





1980-2020

"It will stand" 40th Anniversary

A Brief History of S. O. S.
by Phil Sawyer



ITSA BLAST
From the Past

S. O. S., the Society of Stranders, was born on a brilliant fall week-end in 1980 when over 4000 "strand-ers" returned to Ocean Drive Beach where they had summered as life guards, pavilion workers, bingo callers, and beach bums for a reunion. It was immediately obvious that this would become an annual event.

Throughout the mid to late 1980's, S.O.S. grew in strength and character. Shaggers and stranders came back to Ocean Drive in the Spring and Fall by the tens of thousands for what everyone agreed was the finest parties for adults in the entire country. Everyone who ever had one grain of sand in his or her shoes agreed that S.O.S. was great for the Grand Strand, and to miss one was unthinkable.

In 1989, the originator and owner of S.O.S., for business and personal reasons could not continue to run it. He sold it to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs which has continued and enhanced the great tradition.

S.O.S. enjoys unprecedented growth. Many exciting features have been added. The trams, the food, the expanded Carefree Times, Line Dance Competition, the S.O.S. Beach Run, and Fun Monday are Association initiatives. Funds for S. O. S. support local club activities, the Association Budget, the Mid Winter Beach Classic, and charities.

Through effective leadership and dynamic cooperation by all interest at the Beach, S.O.S. will continue well into the 21st Century.

It Will Stand!

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ACSC/SOS FELLOWS AWARD

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) and the Society of Stranders (SOS)
on this day, January 18, 2020, in the Ocean Drive section of The City of North Myrtle Beach, SC



Jointly and Proudly Presents To

Judy Vick



The ACSC/SOS Fellows Award

In appreciation of your continuous commitment to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and the Society of Stranders:
For your vision as you sold t-shirts out of the trunk of your car to the fruition of The Company Store, and the countless hours of blood, sweat and tears that you sacrifice for other to enjoy ACSC/SOS memorabilia.
For your leadership from being a SOS Board Advisor to SOS Board Member. For the leadership of serving as ACSC Vice-Chairman, ACSC Chairman and ACSC Past Chairman. For the determination of helping create the Dr. Phil Sayer Scholarship at the University of South Carolina.
For your continuous service as an officer and a board member of the Lancaster Shag Club. This award is given to those that have made a significant contribution to the history and preservation of The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and The Society of Stranders. Judy is truly loved, respected and admired by her peers and friends of the "Carolina Shag".

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SUMMER & WINTER VIA BULKMAIL!**

2020 Beth Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Contest

The Holiday Inn Airport, Greensboro, NC graciously hosted the 2020 event on February 11, 2020. A huge thanks is due the hotel and staff for the accommodations. Thanks, also, to Butch Metcalf, legendary DJ, for all the great music (and the usual humor). Tripp Turner provided technical equipment for videos about Beth. Without him we couldn't have done it. And, of course, Mr. Photo, Max Madrin was everywhere snapping shots of anybody and anything. Our local committee members are: Les and Marsha Rose, John and Tina Phillips, Jason and Merinda Swaim, Darrell Gaither, Vickie Chambers, Nancy Lee Mitchell (Beth's mom) and Archer and Patricia Joyce (co-chairs). This committee, as usual, did a fantastic job planning and making the contest a success - AGAIN - thank you, individually and collectively. Twenty four juniors showed up to dance Junior 1 and Junior 2 in mixed doubles format. Four Amateur couples as well as five Novice couples danced with their regular partners. Eleven Hall of Famers/Professionals finished up dancing a mixed doubles format. Ten dancers were Beth Mitchell scholars. Sponsorships, auctions, donations, entry and dancing fees ultimately raised over \$7,700 locally to be paired with monies raised by the National Shag Dance Championships for scholarship awards. Scholarship award recipients are announced annually at the National Shag Dance Championships in March. Thanks to all who attended, whether dancing, watching or just curious. Without you this wouldn't be possible. By: Archer Joyce Photos by: Max Madrin



- Junior 1**
 1st Tucker Brown & Gracie Pandure
 2nd Bennett Rusmisell & Maci Walters
 3rd Zane Morgan & Ave Farlow



- Junior 2**
 1st Jackson Batten & Lizzie Batten
 2nd Kaleb Brown & Allison Pittman
 3rd Maxwell Rusmisell & Kali Walters



- Amateur**
 1st Judy & Hampton Cobb
 2nd Tony Hiott & Lynn Stocker
 3rd Steve Carrico & Carol Caldwell



- Novice**
 1st Tripp & Crystal Turner
 2nd Tony & Page Payne
 3rd Tae Bowden & Jewell Pradier



- Professional/Hall of Fame**
 1st Les Rose & Kayla Henley
 2nd Archer Joyce & Kristal Taylor Davis
 3rd Rufus Wactor & Mandy Holt Roberts



THE TRADITION LIVES ON 2020 Atlantic Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame Reunion

Saturday February 22, 2020 the Atlantic Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame (ABSHOF) held its annual induction ceremony at Memories Beach Club in the Crow's Nest Shopping Center, Atlantic Beach, N.C. This year's event proved to be a real test as we had been blanketed with our first snow of the season over most of North Carolina. We appreciate everyone who attended this weekend because it took a huge effort to get to Atlantic Beach.

The music was provided by Alan Stokes & Brooks Lee on Friday night and the crowds were not disappointed. Saturday afternoon we had a tag team of Bill Mason and Bill Moore. Eddie Smith took center stage at 8pm and played through the ceremony. We had BBQ, Fried Chicken and Bake Smoke Ham dinner at 5pm provided by Linwood Parker and White Swan BBQ.

At 9pm MC John Moore from 107.9 FM WNCT radio took center stage and the ceremony began. Atlantic Beach Shaggers LLC awarded Randall Lovette "The Charles Gurley Spirit of the Dance Award". Kathy Gurley was on hand to present this very special award named in Memory of Charles who so loved Atlantic Beach. Randall was on hand to receive the award. Mike Pace was awarded the Life-Time Achievement award for his service and commitment to the dance and the music loved by so many.

Inductees for 2020 were Lonnie Lamm, Shelia Wainwright, Steve Kornegay, Paula Hampton, Jesse Bradshaw, Tom Thigpen and Wes May. The posthumous inductions went to Wayne Blanchard and Dennis HAWK Hawley.

This event takes place annually during February in Atlantic Beach, NC and next year's date will be February 18th & 19th, 2021. This coming November 21st we will be announcing the inductees for the year 2021 at our Atlantic Beach Hall OF Fame Invitational.

Atlantic Beach and Memories Beach Club takes pride in celebrating the dance, music and especially the Hall of Famers who have been leaders in the "Carolina Shag" lifestyle we all love. Don't forget to notice the "Welcome Signs" when you come into town which reads "Home of the Atlantic Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame". For more information on the ABSHOF event please go to www.memoriesbeachclub.net or on face book Memories Beach club.

Regards, Donnie Hinson, ABSHOF Chairman.



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